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**COUPLE INDICTED IN CONSTRUCTION FRAUD
AND RACKETEERING CASE**

ALBUQUERQUE – The owners of an Albuquerque-area contracting company have been indicted by a grand jury for fraudulent representations to homeowners and for committing tax fraud.

Scott Construction Co. owners Scott and Marie Everett have been indicted on counts of racketeering, fraud, embezzlement, forgery and tax evasion. The charges stem from construction on six area homes that were never completed satisfactorily.

The investigation began when Regulation and Licensing's Construction and Industries Division (CID) received a homeowner complaint about Scott Construction. A follow up investigation revealed additional homeowners with similar complaints.

"Homeowners in our state deserve protection from unscrupulous contractors," said Kelly O'Donnell, Superintendent of Regulation and Licensing. "This sort of predatory practice will not go unpunished in New Mexico."

The Regulation and Licensing Department dedicated resources from both CID and the Securities Division to build the case against Scott Construction Co, and also partnered with the Taxation and Revenue Department on additional tax charges.

"Every time we can help prosecute and convict a tax dodger, we help create a more fair and equitable tax system," said Rick Homans, Secretary of the state's Taxation and Revenue Department. "Cases like this should serve as a warning to others who think they can escape their responsibility to pay taxes."

The indictment contains 48 counts against Scott Everett that include second, third and fourth-degree felonies. Marie Everett has been indicted on 18 counts that also include second, third and fourth-degree felonies.

The Everetts could face more than 100 years of imprisonment and more than \$100,000 in fines. If convicted, the court also could find the defendants liable for the costs of prosecuting their case.